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Don't ever try to write an advertisement unless you've got something to say. Then say it in the right way.—Jim's Junk.

REFORMER IS NOT ELIGIBLE

New York Republicans Afraid Hughes Would Smash Things if Made Governor.

DELEGATES AT SARATOGA

TIP ON CANDIDATES ONLY KNOWN TO LEADERS.

Saratoga, N. Y., Sept. 23.—The situation is practically at a standstill as the leaders and delegates gathered for the Republican state convention are all frankly dependent upon the final word from Governor Higgins as to whether or not he will consent to stand for a renomination. That decision, it is said, will be given by the governor from Albany tomorrow.

There is real uncertainty as to what it will be, though most of the leaders who have been in his confidence incline to the belief that he will refuse to be a candidate.

Meanwhile there has been active speculation as to who will be the governor should decline. The names of Lieutenant Governor Bruce, Charles E. Hughes and Timothy L. Woodruff are the most prominently mentioned.

Might Smash Things.
While it is acknowledged that Mr. Hughes would be a strong candidate, it is freely asserted that the up-state politicians do not take kindly to him. Perhaps it would be nearer the truth to quote from one of the leaders who remarked that "no one can tell what Hughes would do if he were governor; he might smash things, and none of us can tell whether he himself would not be among those hurt."

Another statement made tonight is that the nomination of Hughes would be regarded as practically a victory for Odell, as Hughes was his candidate originally. In this connection it is said that Governor Higgins' friends are not favorable to Hughes.

Bruce Not a Favorite.

As to Mr. Bruce, it is intimated that he is not a favorite in New York county, but that he has a strong following up-state. Until they have a definite basis to work on, the men who will determine the result will not get down to the active work of state-making.

It is generally supposed that Lieutenant Governor Bruce will be temporary chairman of the convention, and that the permanent chairman will be State Senator W. W. Armstrong of Rochester, who was chairman of the special legislative committee that investigated the insurance business.

Platform Not Considered.
Little attention is being given to the platform by the most active politicians, although the main features have been outlined. It will be heartily endorsed by national and state administrations and strongly commend Republican legislation both in congress and the state legislature.

WANTED IN CHICAGO.

Alleged Embezzler Arrested by San Francisco Police.

San Francisco, Sept. 23.—James A. Taylor, an architect and constructing engineer from Chicago, was arrested here today upon telegraphic instructions from P. D. O'Brien, captain of the Chicago detective department, on a charge of embezzlement. The local police have been watching for Taylor for several days. According to the telegram from the Chicago authorities requesting his arrest, he was manager of the Taylor Ranch company, incorporated. Taylor said that he was guilty of no crime and declared that he would fight extradition.

AID FOR THE VICTIMS.

Hong Kong, Sept. 23.—Europeans and Americans have contributed \$2,000 and the Chinese \$3,000 to the relief fund for the sufferers from the typhoon. Boisterous weather continues and is hampering the work of salvaging in the harbor. The damaged torpedo boat *Francesque* will be docked tomorrow. The body of Bishop Hoare has not been recovered.

REMAINS AT MIDWAY.

Honolulu, Sept. 23.—The *Mongolia* is still at Midway. It is believed that she probably will not leave there without a convoy.

GUNBOAT HELENA GOES DOWN

Manila, Sept. 24.—It is reported that the United States gunboat *Helena* has been lost off the Chinese coast. No particulars have been received.

Washington, Sept. 24.—The *Helena* has been attached to the naval station at Cavite for some time. She is a light draft gunboat of eight guns, 1,392 tons and 1,988 horsepower. She was credited with a speed of 15.50 knots, was 250 feet long, 40 feet beam and 9-foot mean draft. According to the latest register of the naval department she was commanded by Commander James C. Gillmore and the other officers are given as follows: Lieutenants Herbert G. Sparrow and Roe W. Vincent, Ensigns Myles Joyce and Edwin O. Fitch, jr., Assistant Surgeon Lewis H. Wheeler, Assistant Paymaster Emory D. Stanley and First Lieutenant of Marines Richard B. Creecy.

GATHERING FOR THE BIG BATTLE

Delegates to New York Democratic Convention Already Arriving at Buffalo.

MANY NAMES MENTIONED

IMPOSSIBLE TO PREDICT THE OUTCOME.

Buffalo, N. Y., Sept. 23.—Many delegates to the Democratic state convention, which will be held here Tuesday next, have already arrived. Among those expected later are 105 delegates from New York county, generally termed Tammany delegates. On the outcome of the caucus of the delegation depends much as to the situation in the convention. Hearst seemed to be devoted for the most part to a measuring of the strength of W. R. Hearst, the nominee of the Independence league, and whose name will be presented to the convention with the greatest number of pledged votes of any candidate.

Activity for Hearst.

J. M. Connors, an Erie county delegate, whose proposal to the Independence league that its nominations be deferred until after the Buffalo convention was voted down, declared today that Mr. Hearst, the nominee of the Independence league, and whose name will be presented to the convention with the greatest number of pledged votes of any candidate.

Jerome in Evidence.

District Attorney Jerome, one of the leading candidates for the gubernatorial nomination, was in conference today with several members of the Albany conference which was held several weeks ago and which he was invited to address. Mayor George McClellan of New York, one of Jerome's staunchest supporters, arrived tonight.

The supporters of Mayor J. W. Adams of Buffalo, for the nomination as governor, were quite conspicuous. Each wore a badge with Mayor Adams' picture stamped upon it.

Many Names Mentioned.

Many other names in connection with the nomination are heard but apparently the most organized campaigns among the delegates are being waged in favor of Jerome, Hearst, Adams and Sulzer. Justice William Gaynor of Brooklyn is often spoken of. If none of the favored candidates show enough strength on the first few ballots to win, however, there is nothing just where a compromise might occur.

The presence in the city today of Roger C. Sullivan, Democratic national committee member from Illinois, accompanied by a law partner, John H. Hopkins, former mayor of Chicago, gave rise to a number of rumors. Mr. Sullivan said to the Associated Press: "I am here strictly on private business, and have nothing to do with the New York state convention. I shall probably leave the city tomorrow, the day before the convention meets."

FREMONT COUNTY FAIR.

Southeastern Idaho Proud of the Showing Made.

(Special to The Herald.)

St. Anthony, Ida., Sept. 23.—The Fremont county fair closed in a blaze of glory, its success surpassing even the anticipations of the most sanguine. The day's attendance was between 5,000 and 6,000, people covering the entire show grounds; the third day saw nearly as many as the second and all are loud in their praise of the manner in which all events were carried out. The numerous events kept one busy continually, going away with the feeling that the fair was a success. The fair was well divided between the two white cowboys and the Indians. The cowboys' relay race was also much appreciated. Professor Odell made two successful balloon ascensions. General satisfaction was given in the awarding of prizes which were numerous. The driving and riding races were the features of the two days and were greatly enjoyed by the immense throng. Following the result of the races:

Three minute trot—General Sherwood first, Maggie S. second, Ravenol Sherwood third. Fourth, Time, 3:45.
Quarter-mile dash, Paddy first, Ice Wagon second, Addie D. third, Prince fourth. Time, 3:45.
2:15 class—Dallas first, Fire Fly second, Maggie S. third.

"THERE'S MANY A SLIP," ETC.



SLIGHT CLUES TO FOUL MURDER

Portions of the Body of a Man Found in Excavation in New York.

New York, Sept. 23.—A burlap bag stamped with the name "Z. K. Mano," a strip of a woman's skirt and an old cloth and a piece of a woman's dress were the only immediate clues to the perpetrator of a revolting murder committed early today.

The dismembered body of a man, apparently an Italian, was found in the bag. It was accidentally found in an excavation at 604 West Thirty-sixth street. The discovery was made by the day watchman, and later a systematic search by the police disclosed parts of a man's legs from the knees down and the arms and hands. These were wrapped in the bag.

Head and Thighs Missing.

The head and the thighs of the man are missing. It is the theory of the police that the murder was committed near where the body was found, and that three packages of the dismembered parts had been made with the purpose of disposing of them at some distance from the scene of the crime. The police believe that the bodies were carried by the man in the burlap bag, and that they were thrown into the excavation. The man was found in a shallow hole, and the police are looking for a third package.

TARGET PRACTICE NEXT.

Battleship Squadron Sails for Provincetown, Mass.

Bar Harbor, Me., Sept. 23.—The battleship squadron of the North Atlantic fleet sailed tonight for Provincetown, Mass. The warships, which had been here since Sept. 8, were the Maine, Kearsarge, Kentucky, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Missouri and Alabama and the dispatch boat *Yankee*.

Provincetown gunners will engage in target practice, and on Tuesday a court martial will assemble there for the trial of Captain Samuel P. Comly and Lieutenant Alfred W. Presley, officers who commanded the battleship *Alabama* when she collided with the Illinois off Newport last July. The officers are charged with mismanagement of their vessel.

TAFT HAS FULL POWER

Secretary Considers It the Duty of the United States to Give Cubans Another Chance.

Gem of the Antilles Will Not Be Annexed This Time—Some Disappointment Felt.

Havana, Sept. 23.—All classes are now awaiting for the conditions under which tranquility will likely be restored in Cuba, and keen disappointment is expected on every side because of the likelihood of peace being brought about without armed American intervention.

That the differences of the opposing factions could be reconciled was not generally believed to be possible until today, when it was announced that the liberal and the insurgents had empowered a committee to represent them before the American mediators.

It is evident that the business interests of the island have no confidence in the ability of the Cubans to rule themselves and now, when it appears too late, they are openly favoring forcible intervention and possibly annexation.

One More Chance.

Secretary of War Taft is cognizant of this general opinion that peace cannot last unless it is enforced by an American army, but he considers that it is the duty of the United States to give the republic another chance, and believes that it would be better policy for the United States to keep a force in Cuba longer than was required to supervise the laying down of arms. He said today that if the liberals and moderates harmonize their differences the United States must regard the compact as made in good faith.

That peace will come as the result of the mediation of the United States is now believed by Cubans, regardless of party affiliation, but whether it will be terms that will insure permanent tranquility is questioned.

Spent Quiet Sunday.

Secretary Taft and Assistant Secretary of State Bacon spent Sunday quietly, receiving few persons. Representatives of the veterans and of the diplomatic corps made brief visits. Senator Alfredo Zayas later met the mediators at the American legation and arranged for their first meeting with the insurgents' and liberal committee tomorrow morning. All conferences hereafter will be held at the legation on account of its accessibility since the most of the visitors to Messrs. Taft and Bacon reside in Havana.

When the diplomatic representatives of foreign powers visited Mr. Morgan's villa at Marianao today Mr. Taft significantly stated that he could give them no definite assurances of peace for the reason that terms had not been put forward. This statement was in response to an expression from Caytan de Ayala, the Spanish minister, that the world expected the United States to settle the turmoil on such generous but firm conditions as to maintain the integrity of the republic.

Diplomats Call on Taft.

The members of the diplomatic corps were also received by Mr. Bacon, who gave them their views on the situation. All of them asserted that their governments desired the conflict to be ended with all possible dispatch in order to save commercial relations and credit between the island and their countries from ruin.

Among other callers at Marianao were Generals Menocal and Aguinaldo, who congratulated Messrs. Taft and Bacon on their success in bringing the moderate and liberal leaders to a making some concessions. The veterans evidenced sympathy with the principles for which the insurgents took up arms. They suggested that the first basis of the negotiations should be for the revision of the Cuban constitution, alleging that it confers too much power on too few responsible persons. "Cubans are too hot-blooded to be given unlimited powers," said General Menocal. He declared that the present constitution, which was the result of the revolution of the previous century, was unsatisfactory to the people and former secretaries of the interior.

Crowds Visit Insurgents.

The insurgent camp near La Lisa, just west of Havana, was visited today by great crowds of Havana. Encouraged by the reports that peace was imminent, the people for the first time showed their great sympathy with the revolutionary cause. Although it was raining this afternoon, the throngs dampened the ardor of those who wished to visit the insurgents. Many extra cars were in operation, and every kind of conveyance was used by the crowd, but these were insufficient, and many persons walked the twelve miles from Havana to the camp. It is feared that the effect of this enthusiasm may be bad in the event the peace terms require the rebels to make decided concessions. In the rebel camps are thousands of negroes, to whom the revolutionary life is easy and interesting as compared with the labor on plantations. Some of the more refined of the officers, however, admit that they will not be sorry to return to their homes.

PRESENT BY REQUEST.

Young Stensland Had No Thought of Making Legal Fight.

New York, Sept. 23.—The Chicago representatives of the Illinois states attorney's office, Charles A. Binns and Joseph L. Kinder, with two New York and two Brooklyn detective sergeants, kept vigil all night at the barge office at the battery ready to board a fast tug the moment the steamship *Prinz Adelbert*, with Theodore Stensland, son of the fugitive, disappeared during the night, when Mr. Kinder called on him. The son said he would make no fight on extradition. He added that his only wish in the matter was to avoid all publicity possible and agree that the best plan was to get his father aboard a train and on the way to Chicago.

Letter From the Fugitive.

This declaration followed a letter received from Paul O. Stensland, mailed Sept. 7. The father wrote that his wish was to get back to Chicago with all speed. He advised his son not to do anything to delay the return, and asked only that his son and daughter meet and greet him in New York.

The daughter did not come to New York, as it was believed inadvisable for the sake of her health. As the young man put it, he came here to give his father courage. The officers said no interviews would be allowed to be made by Stensland on the Chicago journey. Young Mr. Stensland wished every accommodation and comfort provided for his father on the journey west.

The Chicago officials said today that they had been advised by cable that there was no truth in the story that Stensland had attempted suicide. He had ample opportunity if he had considered such a thing, but made no move in this direction, the officers declared.

SAILS FOR HAVANA.

Funston Has No Knowledge of Why He Is Going.

Jacksonville, Fla., Sept. 23.—Brigadier General Frederick Funston passed through Jacksonville this afternoon, en route to Port Tampa, where he will board the steamer *Olivette* tonight for Havana. General Funston said positively that he had no other order than the original order from Secretary Taft to report to him in Havana as soon as possible.

"It is possible," said General Funston, "that Secretary Taft wishes to send me out to confer with some of the insurgent leaders, as he is aware that I am well acquainted with a large number of Cuban revolutionaries against Spanish authority. I cannot say whether or not the insurgent leaders whose names have been mentioned in the press dispatches. When I was with the Cuban revolutionaries I was principally in the eastern end of the island and not with any insurgents in the western provinces. I do not know General Funston, and I have never been with General Macco in Pinar del Rio."

"As to what preparations have been made for sending United States troops to Cuba in case Secretary Taft decides they are needed, I am not at liberty to state."

FRANCHISE PEOPLE

HAD CLEAR MAJORITY

Denver, Colo., Sept. 23.—The recount of ballots cast in the recent election on the franchises sought by the Denver Gas & Electric company and the Denver Tramway company was completed today. The investigation showed that there was no fraud in the ballots themselves, but that in computing the totals some errors were made by election officials resulting in a loss of 15 to the gas company and seventy-one to the tramway company. The majorities returned in favor of these franchises were something over 500 in each case, so that as yet the investigation has not affected the result.

MURDER AND ARSON.

Leavenworth, Kans., Sept. 23.—Edward Bludose, aged 74 years, was murdered in a most cold-blooded manner and his house set on fire. The murderer, evidently actuated by robbery, had crushed Bludose's head with an axe, near here, was arrested today.

UNDER HER OWN STEAM.

Midway Island, North Pacific Ocean, Sept. 23.—The passengers on board the steamship *Mongolia* have been transferred to the United States transport *Buford*. All the passengers are well and in good spirits. The *Buford* and the *Mongolia* sailed at 6 p. m. for Honolulu and will keep together on the voyage. The *Mongolia* is working under her own steam.